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Ron Paul And Barney Frank Introduce Bill To End Pot Prohibition

June 23, 2011 by [Personal Liberty News Desk](#)

A Republican Presidential candidate and a Massachusetts Democrat introduced a bill on Thursday to end the Federal prohibition on marijuana.

Representatives Ron Paul (R-Texas) and Barney Frank (D-Mass.) announced that their bill will allow each State to create a marijuana policy of its own, as well as legalize, regulate and tax the drug.

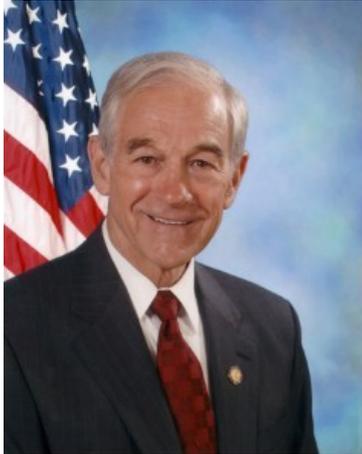
According to the nonprofit site ProCon.org, 16 States and Washington, D.C., have enacted laws to legalize medical marijuana. However, because there is a current Federal law prohibiting the sale or tax of marijuana, some States have pointed to confusion regarding what they could or couldn't do.

For example, *The Associated Press* reported that New Jersey Governor Chris Christie would not implement a new State law allowing medical marijuana programs until he received assurances people in his State wouldn't be prosecuted federally.

Morgan Fox, a spokesman for the Marijuana Policy Project, told *CNN* that he expects the bill "to be talked about quite a bit."

"I think it will spark a strong debate in the media, and we hope to get some (House) floor time for it," Fox added.

Currently, the Federal law concerning marijuana describes the drug as highly addictive with no acceptable medicinal value.



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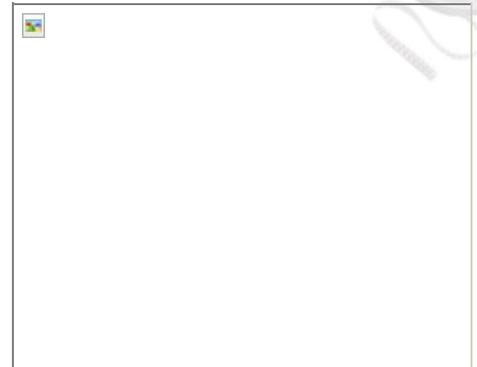
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Activist Cat says:

June 24, 2011 at 5:28 pm



Help the bill pass – Sign the petition to “Change the Schedule of Cannabis, Cannabis Laws, and Drug Czar Laws”.

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Mason says:

June 25, 2011 at 12:51 am



I heard they can extract oils from it that can be used in fuel, and that it's fibers can be used to make tons of materials. If george washington carver can find 100 uses for peanuts, we can find profitable uses for the cannabis plant OTHER than smoking it. The fight against it is taking too much money anyway, lets put it to better use...

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Karolyn says:

June 25, 2011 at 1:38 pm



OMG, yes! Hemp is wonderful and has many uses, although hemp is not the same as cannabis sativa. However, just because it is a form of marijuana and would take business away from other sources, it has been kept illegal.

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BrotherPatriot says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:00 am



Bingo!

Yes, this plant can be harvested several times a year and it's multiple uses makes it a no brainer whether to have it legalized/regulated/taxed.

I firmly believe this plant can help bring economic prosperity to America. However, this does not fit into the power that be's plan to cause the systematic collapse of our economy which would help to bring into being the New World Order/One world Government(Corporation).

Sooo...most likely this bill will die in it's infancy. However, it would be nice to see it born. This could give great hope to America.

Guess we'll just have to wait & see...perhaps things are changing for the better as more & more American's are waking up to the truths of our world.

It's never to late to have hope.

Ron Paul is still the best choice we have & he has always had a consistent voting history...(even though he has Masonic connections).

Good luck to this Bill.

God Bless.

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Phil says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:29 pm



Not all members of the Masonic Brotherhood are onboard or behind the NWO approach. The average J6Pk variety has no clue what their elite Lodges are up to. The problem is that we've had a few huge pieces of legislation pushed thru without any real debate. Think of the Patriot Act and Health Care Reform as just 2 of the most recent.

If people don't wake up and elect the right people, we are all screwed !

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coal miner says:

June 27, 2011 at 5:02 pm



Karolyn:

17 Oct 2000 ... The single most useful page on hemp on the Internet. By Ernest Small and David Marcus. Reprinted from: [Trends in new crops and new uses](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/ncnu02/v5-284.html).<http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/ncnu02/v5-284.html>

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coal miner says:

June 28, 2011 at 1:02 pm



Karolyn,

JANUARY 14, 2010

By DAVID L. NATHAN

Most Americans are paying too much for marijuana. I'm not referring to people who smoke it—using the drug generally costs about as much as using alcohol. Marijuana is unaffordable for the rest of America because billions are wasted on misdirected drug education and distracted law enforcement, and we also fail to tax the large underground economy that supplies cannabis.

On Monday, the New Jersey legislature passed a bill legalizing marijuana for a short list of medical uses. Outgoing Democratic Gov. Jon Corzine says he will sign it into law. This is a positive step, as cannabis has several unique medical applications. But the debate over medical marijuana has obscured the larger issue of pot prohibition.

As a psychiatrist, I treat individuals who often suffer from devastating substance abuse. Over many years of dealing with my patients' problems, I have come to realize that we are wasting precious resources on the fight against marijuana, which more closely resembles legal recreational drugs than illegal ones. My conscience compels me to support a comprehensive and nationwide decriminalization of marijuana.

Prohibition did decrease alcoholism and alcohol consumption in the 1920s. However, the resulting rise of violent organized crime and the loss of tax revenue were untenable and led to the repeal of Prohibition. By analogy, while the broad decriminalization of marijuana will likely reduce the societal and economic costs of pot prohibition, it could lead to more use and abuse.

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The risks of marijuana use are mild compared to those of heroin, ecstasy and other illegal drugs, but the drug is not harmless. A small number of my patients cannot tolerate any use without serious impact on underlying disorders. Others become daily, heavy smokers, manifesting psychological if not physiological dependence. While most of my patients appear to suffer no ill effects from occasional use, the drug makes my work more difficult with certain individuals.

So why do I support decriminalization? First, marijuana prohibition doesn't prevent widespread use of the drug, although it does clog our legal system with a small percentage of users and dealers unlucky enough to be prosecuted. More to the point, legal cannabis would never become the societal problem that alcohol already is.

In most of my substance-abuse patients, I am far more concerned about their consumption of booze than pot. Alcohol frequently induces violent or dangerous behavior and often-irreversible physiological dependence; marijuana does neither. Chronic use of cannabis raises the risk of lung cancer, weight gain, and lingering cognitive changes—but chronic use of alcohol can cause pancreatitis, cirrhosis and permanent dementia. In healthy but reckless teens and young adults, it is frighteningly easy to consume a lethal dose of alcohol, but it is almost impossible to do so with marijuana. Further, compared with cannabis, alcohol can cause severe impairment of judgment, which results in greater concurrent use of hard drugs.

Many believe marijuana is a gateway drug—perhaps not so harmful in itself but one that leads to the use of more serious drugs. That is not borne out in practice, except that the illegal purchase of cannabis often exposes consumers to profit-minded dealers who push the hard stuff. In this way, the gateway argument is one in favor of decriminalization. If marijuana were purchased at liquor stores rather than on street corners where heroin and crack are also sold, there would likely be a decrease in the use of more serious drugs.

The nation badly needs the revenue of a “sin tax” on marijuana, akin to alcohol and tobacco taxes. Our government could also save money by ending its battle against marijuana in the drug war and redirecting funds to proactive drug education and substance-abuse treatment. Hyperbolic rants about the evils of marijuana could give way to realistic public education about the drug's true risks, such as driving under the influence.

Our nation can acknowledge the dangers of cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana while still permitting their use. The only logically and morally consistent argument for marijuana prohibition necessitates the criminalization of all harmful recreational drugs, including alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. We can agree that such an infringement on personal freedoms is as impractical as it is un-American. The time has come to accept that our nation's attitude toward marijuana has been misguided for generations and that the only rational approach to cannabis is to legalize, regulate

and tax it.

Dr. Nathan, a psychiatrist in Princeton, N.J., is a clinical assistant professor at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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Brenda says:

June 25, 2011 at 6:04 am



I have 2 chronic pain conditions, and while I am in Canada and not the USA, I am a pot smoker for pain. It DOES have medicinal value, and I strongly believe good things can only come from legalizing it. The possibilities of things that pot can do medicinally and also from things made with hemp, are only starting to be explored. And as someone that is in chronic pain, that's levels 5-10, 10 being the top of the pain scale, 24 – 7 people. And I can either comatose myself with narcotics and a lot of them, or I can smoke a joint, which I can put out when I feel I have had enough. I think I would rather have a drug I can control a little better than pills as you take the pill and go for the ride it gives you. Pot, I can smoke a bag full, I don't but I could, and still be ok enough to handle an emergency and function. Not to say I'd be the same as not under the influence of anything, but pot is NOT the gate way problem drug that has no use in honest society. LEGALISE IT ALREADY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:38 am



AND it's all natural!

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Ellen says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:46 am



Big Pharm will fight this with all the lies & distortions they can muster, as they stand to lose business once mainstream America realizes the benefits of this natural product. Of course there are problems if you abuse it just as if you abuse prescription painkillers or alcohol. I believe the abusers are a minority of our population and that the majority of us have self control. Pot is less destructive than alcohol or cigarettes and they are legal. There is simply no valid reason for pot being illegal.

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Christin says:

June 28, 2011 at 12:48 am



Ellen,
Maybe not...

There is a man from India who evidently sells a synthetic pot that gets you high so we were told. Some of the aware adults in our area are trying to get rid of him because they don't want him selling his 'junk' to the kids all around our town.

So actually Big Pharma might try to copy this synthetic bad stuff and push it off as an alternative ...maybe even with a drug card in obamacare...

Also it would appear to me that TPTB would like nothing more than to keep the American citizens snoozing on booze and pot...

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karolyn says:

June 28, 2011 at 6:56 am



Christin – There is a synthetic material being sold as

an incense. One of it's nicknames is "special K." It has been outlawed in North Carolina and is very harmful. I have heard of people becoming psychotic from it. Wouldn't it be better to have a legal natural substance than a synthetic that is vey harmful?

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sook young says:
June 29, 2011 at 6:36 pm



Sorry, but the items that you support are illegal. Let's keep these substances illegal as they are now. Thank you.

Sook Young
Wife of the Samurai

Carlucci says:
June 27, 2011 at 11:13 pm



Brenda, I agree. I remember years ago coming down with a severe sore throat, pounding headache, and I felt terribly achy all over. We were traveling abroad in Asia. I couldn't sleep or eat. We came upon some Thai Stick, and after a few whiffs of that, I felt better. (You light the Thai Stick and inhale it through the nose – you don't smoke it like a joint). We went out and had some delicious hot and spicy Thai Tom Yong Goong soup, then went back to the hotel where I had a few more whiffs of the Thai stick, and went to bed. I slept like a baby. Woke up the next morning and felt fantastic. I don't know if it was the Thai Stick, or the soup – maybe both. Needless to say, I do believe in the medicinal properties of hemp. And whenever I come down with a cold or sinus infection, I make a run to the nearest Thai restaurant for the soup.

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Cawmun Cents says:
June 25, 2011 at 9:45 am



The problem with making it legal is the flood of laws that will come as a result. The big pharmaceutical companies, will litigate control over who grows it and, they will control pricing, as well as amounts given by prescription. All this will also fall under Obamacare. The nightmare that those who cry "legalize" fail to see, is that whatever the government takes control of (via federal guidelines) turns into a nightmare. The number of new laws that would necessarily be enacted would be alarming to say the least. But government pun pot farms? Subsidizing the people who they "allow" to grow the stuff? We have all witnessed the nightmare of government control of housing, finance, environment, fuel, entitlements, the list never ends. So now you want to hand over control of medicinal marijuana to the government as well? I say emphatically....no. Careful...you may get what you ask for.-CC.

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Vigilant says:
June 25, 2011 at 10:11 am



CC-

"The nightmare that those who cry "legalize" fail to see, is that whatever the government takes control of (via federal guidelines) turns into a nightmare."

I'm afraid you have misunderstood the article. Under the legislation, the Feds would relinquish control over it and turn it back to the states where it belongs. That's a reduction of federal control, not an increase.

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Cawmun Cents says:

June 26, 2011 at 8:27 am



That is okay...if you believe that particular part of the article. I however, do not. IF I KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IT IS THAT THEY WANT TO CONTROL FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. Sorry about the capslock thing but I felt emphasis was necessary.-CC.

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James says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:08 am



Cawmun Cents, that's what Vigilant said. Now, the federal government has control of marijuana, that's the ultimate top-down control. The Paul-Frank bill would end that and leave it up to the states. The states would each treat marijuana a little differently, like they do with the right to bear arms, and how they treat it would increase or decrease their population accordingly. Such competition between the States is what made America great.

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DanB says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:41 pm



I am okay with legalizing marijuana on one condition only: they MUST make it so that crimes conducted under the influence of marijuana are treated AS IF they were done without any chemical influence, in other words, as if they were of sound mind when they commit crimes. I realize that a vast majority of those who use medical marijuana may not commit crimes. Since it is considered a mind altering substance, and we have so much law about one's state of mind to determine if they can be punished for crime.... well, I thought perhaps if you want to legalize marijuana then you would be willing to let them be tried as completely sane and of sound mind should they commit a crime. Otherwise, perhaps if you are not willing to accept them as being of sound mind under the influence, then perhaps you ought to think about what you really want.

As for myself, I actually want it legalized. If they do legalize medical marijuana but leave the laws as they are, I will tell my family two things. One, I do not want to ever be treated with medical marijuana. There is already a lot of drugs I am leery of. Two, as far as I am concerned, if you choose the mind altering substance knowing the side effects, then you have by default chosen the possibility that you will cause harm even before you were under the influence of the drug. I am just a man, and I cannot judge the gray areas. That does not mean that I should then accept the gray areas as proper. God did not say, "Thou shalt not kill unless you under the influence and then it is okay." And when Christ gave us the greater law, not only did he teach us forgiveness but he also

expanded on the lesser law but expanding upon it. For example, adultery under the Mosaic Law was defined more to just the acts of adultery, but under Christ's Law it went to so far as to say that if you even look upon another to lust after them that you've already committed adultery in your heart. Now for enforcing a law upon the land, the Mosaic Law is a better fit because it is a law of actions. And while judging one's thoughts is very, very gray and I am sick of all the laws we have that tell us what we were thinking just because we happen to have a certain skin color (I am a bigot and a hater by default—guilty until proven innocent—or rather forever guilty because I was born to white parents and happen to believe the Bible that Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed by God for certain sexual sins). So while I am far off from living true to Christ's Law, I happen to believe that the Mosaic Law is a good foundation for the law of the land. Leave the judging of thoughts to God.

TIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:07 am



Vig,

Ok let see what Ron Paul & Barry Frank are saying is to get the "Federal Government" out of this venue.

As in 100% keep thier nose out of it. Thus it will not be under the "federal governments control" at all as in any way shape or form.

The Bill they are working on is that "EACH STATE," control it in a manner that works best for each state.

That means that say in Calie the laws would be differant than the laws in Maine. By the way two states that have allowed Pot for medical use.

In Maine one can grow as many as 5 plants for personal use, in Calie you can grow as many as 8 plants.

Keeping in mind that it takes one pound made into a paste to cure Cancer, and on smaller plants that may in fact be about the noted number.

To cure pains from what ever ill's one may have it takes 1.5 to 3 grams per day, or about one small joint to two small joints per day smoked or cooked. But if made into a paste that number would be in milograms.

If one were to look into it, the only real laws on the books about Pot being a problem are all within the realm of the "FEDERAL" government.

Again, this comes back to Anslinger's 100% total rhetoric backed by the {Progressive party as well Progressive Christian movement} from the 1930's all based on the issue of "Social Justice."

Tricky Dickey is the one who really made the problem with the Federal Government very costly to the US Tax payers pocket with his neo Nazi group called the DEA.

Each year in this nation the cost of just POT alone to the US TAX payer is well over \$40 BILLION dollars. Thats only on NEW

cases.

So when one combines that with the cost of jail, trials, etc. over the long run this cost is much higher coming in around \$250 BILLION dollars per year. And that number grows and grows every year.

Thats whats called INSAINE.

Now so we are on the same page, in just 4 years thats 1 TRILLION DOLLARS. Now where did the money go again?

If any of you support keeping Pot Illegal, you are in fact supporting the PROGRESSIVE movement's long range GOALS of enslaving YOU.

Thus in effect you are 100% responsible for the destruction of this NATION by not only outright ignorance by as well by utter aggressive stupidity.

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eddie47d says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:29 am



I almost 100% agreed with you and then you ended by slamming Progressives and enslavement? Progressives have been pushing legalization since forever. No different than the Libertarians and Ron Paul has been consistent on this issue. So many millions have been busted and jailed over marijuana usage and those laws that allow these police actions are counter intuitive to basic freedoms. The War on Drugs is a failure because they label marijuana as a Substance I drug and that made it an easy target. Thus ignoring the real dangers of other drugs.

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TIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:11 am



Eddie,

Your not a Progressive, you don't have enough Money to be in that league. Nor do you even grasp what they are nor whom they are, if you did then you would never lay claim to being such nor would many of your post from the past have ever been posted. {Thats not an insult to you nor about you} – its just the truth of the matter.

Keep in mind that it was the Progressive movment by way of Anslinger and then Nixon who was a Progressive too, as well all that I outlined above all of what is dead on TRUTH.

eddie47d says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:24 am



Dang, you have too have money to be a Progressive? What are Conservatives with money? We could go places with that question.

Bob G says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:26 am



I can't believe what I am reading here. Where do you people come from? Please go back to whatever looney

bin you have escaped from.

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Christin says:

June 28, 2011 at 1:01 am



TIME,

I heard many years ago that prolonged use of marijuana makes one sterile... is that true do you know? Or were they just making stuff up back then to scare people?

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Mason says:

June 25, 2011 at 10:11 am



Yeah, because the government DEFINITELY took absolute control over alcohol and cigarettes.

Also, how would this fall under Obamacare? They're not trying to register it as a medication. The only time it's used in medical treatment is if someone has a terminal illness and it is used to alleviate the pain, rather than put themselves into a zombified state with the narcotics and other medications that would regularly throw them into a state of unawareness of anything.

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Vigilant says:

June 25, 2011 at 10:41 am



I suspect the Feds would regain control in any case, because the FDA has been trying to regulate tobacco for years. If they ever become successful at it (God forbid), then the door would re-open for them to take control of marijuana.

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Karolyn says:

June 25, 2011 at 1:45 pm



They just cut the FDA's budget by \$285 mil! Maybe they'll have to curtail all their BS!

<http://www.anh-usa.org/house-cuts-fda-budget-by-285-million/>

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Jim Harrison says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:59 am



Marijuana is already what government calls a "controlled substance." Let's abolish government control of substance, period. This is not to say it is a good thing for people to abuse any substance, but when civil authority tries to protect people from themselves, it spells tyranny over the long haul. Someone said, "Protect a fool in his folly, and you fill the planet with fools." Mass protection IS the folly. Have we forgotten the folly of prohibition?

The Bible is clear that drunkards will not inherit the kingdom of God. It is also clear that civil government is only to be a terror to evil doers who violate the laws it is divinely authorized to enforce.

Besides, Ron Paul's position is to strip the Federal government of marijuana laws and turn the matter over

to the states; thus, beginning the dismantling of the government's so-called "war on drugs." Only the gospel of Jesus Christ can permanently change lives, which in turn will transform the culture.

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Albino. says:

June 25, 2011 at 11:49 am



Im. sorry but one reason it's illegal at the moment is due to the fact it's so dam easy to grow. Throw some seeds in your back yard and 3-4 months you'll have a few oz's of swag!

Can you grow tobacco in your back yard with ease?

Alcohol can be made at home just as long as you don't sell it.

But at the end of the day they will never legalize it, to much big money against it!

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Cawmun Cents says:

June 26, 2011 at 8:29 am



I thank you....

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C130 Gunship says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:40 am



CC– You make some good points. I will add that the TRILLIONS of dollars we have pissed away on the drug war has been wasted. It has provided thousands of Federal Tax Suckers with gubbermint union jobs and benefits much than you or I will ever get. Bawney's Frank support of this bill is two fold: His rump ranger boyfriend got busted awhile back for growing pot in Bawney's backyard and he got into deep doo doo (not an unusual thing for Bawney) with PETA over his alleged abuse of gerbils. As I recall the story, Washington,DC/ Rodent Rage Supplement – Enraged left wing PETA Picketers surrounded the Washington Office of House Banking Chairman Bawney's Frank over rumors of Personal Gerbil Abuse to Enhance the Democrat's personal Stimulus Package.

A stuttering, muttering, salivating, red faced Frank emerged from his office briefly to denounce the spontaneous display and denied the claims of the protesters that he had abused the little rodents.

"Most of the rodents I mail ordered from the internet company "Uranus Novelties" arrived either dead, or close to death. Despite my best efforts at resuscitation, I was only able to save 2 over a period of 14 months, and was unable to cancel my irrevocable subscription of a gerbil a month my membership required."

Responding to protesters, Frank said he was unable to produce the two living Gerbils at the moment, but if they could come back after lunch he would be happy to show off "Tootsie Roll" and "Darkman" playing happily in their cages in his office.

"I have given both of these little rodents the best care they ever would have received, better certainly than they would have received in San Francisco, and I resent this right wing conspiracy to distort my record regarding my recent stimulus."

In a parting shot at his detractors, he yelled out, "and you all know perfectly well I wouldn't even hurt a fly....."

Most protesters immediately gathered their signs and were last seen

heading off to the offal office to pick that bone with the president who most likely would be telling them to "BUZZ OFF."

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iamone3 says:

June 25, 2011 at 12:03 pm



Ron Paul for President 2012.

We need a common sense man/woman in the White House.

Marijuana should be legal for medical reasons at the very least. Who can argue with adults also being able to use marijuana.

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Karolyn says:

June 25, 2011 at 1:43 pm



BRAVO! Write your Congressmen! Here a link to the automated DPA (Drug Policy Alliance)site

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Jeff says:

June 26, 2011 at 11:12 am



I support ending the federal prohibition on marijuana. The 10th Amendment of the Constitution makes it clear that this is not a power granted to the federal government, this is a power that is reserved for the states and/or the people. Anyone who supports this bill should do some research on the co-sponsor who is running for President. Just Google: "Ron Paul" or "Ron Paul Flix". Ron Paul is already influencing the positions of others running for president, as Ron Paul has common sense solutions for US government problems that buck the establishment. Learn about Ron Paul and join the peaceful revolution to restore liberty to America.

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jopa says:

June 26, 2011 at 1:40 pm



I read an article a while back about Kentucky, the state that spends the most annually trying to eradicate the cultivation of weed. They think that when people smoke weed they may find it more pleasurable getting high without hangovers. They feel there whiskey and bourbon industry is in jeopardy and people might start comparing stats on drunk drivers and drivers that smoked some weed. I don't hang out with potheads but I have never seen one causing a disturbance or become a real pain in the ass. Even in Amsterdam they sit in their coffee shops or just stare into space enjoying freedom.

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Joan Miller says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:28 am



I am against legalizing pot. We need look no further than Ron Paul teaming up with Barney Frank of all people to know that this is a bad idea. Barney is such a stellar citizen??????

[Reply](#)

karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:41 am



Who care who sponsors the bill? We just need to help get it passed!

Of course, I'm sure not all states will come on board. Let's face it; it has to change. Legally, the people in the states that allow it can be federally prosecuted! That's simply not right!

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Crystal says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:00 am



You should care who sponsors the bill. If the individual who sponsors it is a loon like Barney Frank, then you should proceed with caution. I choose not to proceed at all. I just look at how legalizing alcohol has affected our society. More negatively than positively. The difference is we will have to smell the stink from it.

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eddie47d says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:34 am



Crystal; Then we shouldn't allow chickens in backyards because of the stink they might make. Some folks do use that argument.

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sook young says:

June 29, 2011 at 6:39 pm



I agree with you 100%. Thank you.

Sook Young
Wife of the Samurai

[Reply](#)

Jim Harrison says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:26 am



This is a typical Pavlovian "conditioned-reflexes" reaction. I know it is trite to repeat the adage, "A stopped clock is right twice a day." Even a progressive liberal is capable of stumbling into something that makes sense once in a while.

Even the patriarch Abraham temporarily teamed up with pagan leaders to catch the kidnappers of their respective relatives. When the campaign was over, so was the alliance.

A bit of advice: Keep your eye on the issue, not the persons. Let the issue stand or fall on its own merits (or demerits). Then, let the chips fall where they may.

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newspooner says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:42 am



Anyone who voluntarily injects particulate matter into their lungs is foolish, especially if it is loaded with noxious chemicals. Anything of medicinal value in marijuana can be readily extracted so that it doesn't need to be smoked. The problem is not marijuana. The real problem is that substances, especially naturally occurring plants should not be illegal to possess. More later.

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JoMama says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:08 am



newspooner – so what is it that is so noxious?? From what I understand – it's an all natural plant – not a chemical as you claim.

Besides – when you "extract the medicinal substance from the plant" wouldn't that also be noxious from the chemicals??

It's a plant. Grown with fertilizer, dirt & water. Where do the "noxious chemicals" come from again??

Enlighten all of us please!!

[Reply](#)

trishmartin says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:34 pm



Karolyn & JoMama – TOBACCO is all “natural” too, not a chemical and it sure as hell isn’t good for you. Nightshade is natural, but is very poisonous. Natural doesn’t mean diddly as far as whether it is good for you or not!

Just my opinion – but OF COURSE Barney and his fellow liberals/libertarians want this bill passed – an entire citizenry toked up on LEGALIZED pot is much easier to control and lead wherever they wish to lead them than one that is largely clear headed and motivated. MOTIVATION – something pot smokers lack unless you are talking about the motivation to find something to curb the munchies!

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Karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:00 pm



I've said it before, and I'll say it again: Legalizing it won't get more people started smoking pot. I believe that man has gotten high since the caveman first decided to chew that leaf and liked how it made him feel, and no laws will ever stop that fact. Legalizing any drugs will not result in more people using. Those that do will; and those that don't won't. Would you have tobacco criminalized because it's bad for people? Alcohol is certainly much worse than pot or tobacco. Let's criminalize that too! How about criminalizing eating too many cupcakes! They already want to clamp down on vitamins and supplements. You lose sight of the main issue, which is personal freedom.

[Reply](#)

Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:26 am



Try a vaporizer if you don't wish to smoke the weed! Also try baking some brownies with it..... emmmm Sounds good! How about some MJ tea??

[Reply](#)

sook young says:

June 29, 2011 at 6:40 pm



Are you crazy? Thank you.

Sook Young
Wife of the Samurai

[Reply](#)

MASON says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:11 am



Ron Paul just shot his run for the White House in the foot.

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Christin says:

June 28, 2011 at 1:04 am



That's what I thought, too, Mason.

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 28, 2011 at 6:55 pm



Me too. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

[Reply](#)

Bogusbob says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:16 am



I always thought Ron Paul looked a little dopey. I see all drug addicts are in favor of this. Just what we need, the politicians are screaming for better laws to control smoking. How is it that MJ is any different than a camel?? I do not want to see freeways full of doped up drivers. Ron Paul might as well go back to Texas and do his smoking there.

[Reply](#)

Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:31 am



Ha..... You really don't want to know how many people in this country smoke MJ..... It's a LOT more than you think!

One question..... Are your for or against LIBERTY?

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karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:23 pm



You picked the right name for yourself.

[Reply](#)

Bob says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:19 am



Anyone who makes common cause with a devil is a devil himself. This just proves that libertarians are as much a threat to America as lieberals.

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TIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:24 am



Bob,

Perhaps closed minded aggressively stupid Fascist Quais Conservative's and Liberals are a higher level of a problem than that of the "PURE" Liberals, Libertarians or "PURE" Conservatives.

As in people who don't believe in making LAWS to restrict personal Libertys and Freedoms as it were.

Hey when utter and complete ignorance is the Key Stone of ones argument I guess that comments like your's would be within the relm of normal, as by your post you sure are a Progressive best Friend.

And just what was it that landed this nation at the door step where we now stand? Was it folks who smoke pot?

Or was it in fact folks who employ aggressive stupidity as their standard? While shouting about Freedoms and Libertys?

Or is that just a double standard factor in play, you can't have it both way, you either allow Personal Libertys and Freedom or your don't?

As in its not a pick and choose factor, thats why we are now at nearly \$15 Trillion dollars in the red, and growing daily!

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Bob says:



June 27, 2011 at 10:16 am 

Time: Sounds like you are just one toke away from insanity. Druggies are scum, pure and simple and they do have a good deal to do with the problems in America today. And, by the way, freedom and license are not the same thing. Libertarians are nothing more than lieberals in drag.

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TIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:29 am 

Bob,
I will pray for you that your illness is cured soon.

[Reply](#)

Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:34 am 

You didn't answer the question..... Are you for LIBERTY or not?

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karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:20 pm 

Bob – You sure do love that word “scum” don't you? Drug addicts are mentally and emotionally sick individuals. You might want to try some pot. It might help you.

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karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:22 pm 

OK, Bob the Christian, show us where in the Bible it says not to use the herbs that God has given to us.

[Reply](#)

iamone3 says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:40 pm 

😄 Ditto

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:52 pm 

It does say that we are to do nothing unnatural to our bodies. Doing illegal drugs isn't natural, so put a sock in it. Enough said! FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

[Reply](#)

karolyn says:

June 28, 2011 at 6:53 am 

What about coffee, Samurai? That, cannabis and tobaccco, as well as peyote, mescaline, opium, etc. are all naural substances provided to us by God.

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 28, 2011 at 6:59 pm 

God created them yes, but that doesn't mean we should use them. Some of the

things you have listed are illegal drugs and were made illegal for a reason. You say coffee and tobacco. Don't these also harm the human body? Doesn't smoking cause cancer and drinking too much coffee cause high blood pressure, increased chance of stroke, and liver problems? They may be there, but that doesn't mean anything now does it? FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

steve in AZ says:

June 27, 2011 at 8:25 am



Haha. Yup – legalize pot and all other recreational drugs. Abolish Medicaid, so that taxpayers aren't held liable for poor individual choices. If some are truly concerned about those who make poor health and life choices, nobody will prevent them from creating charities to help the druggies. If your child becomes a druggie and dies, that's regrettable. YOU should have been more involved in his life. Quit spending federal tax dollars to fight the phony War on Drugs by removing the profit motive. It's not the Federal Gubmint's business.

Abolish the Fed, the DOE, FDA, EPA, IRS, OSHA, and Homeland Security (and all other phoney baloney federal "regulatory agencies". Ron Paul will do all this if elected. Then, after lunch, he'll...

One excellent reason to legalize is that liberals, enveloped in a pot haze, will probably forget to show up at the polls – especially if a good episode of Oprah or Jerry Springer is being aired on election day. lol

Implement a no-tolerance, mandatory drug test for all recipients of state assistance in any form. Including congress-people.

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:44 am



I've voted in every election locally and nationally since my eighteenth birthday, never forgot ONE! I have to smoke a joint before going down to the polls, just to put up with all the crack pots spouting propaganda!

"Implement a no-tolerance, mandatory drug test for all recipients of state assistance in any form. Including congress-people."

I hope that would include Alcohol and Tobacco....!

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45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:52 pm



If you can't put up with crackpots, as you called them, without smoking MJ first then you are certainly addicted to it.

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:54 pm



steve:

One reason they want to legalize MJ is that if they do, they can more easily keep the population in control. Threaten their source of drug and they will get nasty so make it legal and they will vote for you and whatever else you want.

[Reply](#)

Crystal says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:03 am



Anybody who's for this being legalized is completely mad. Coming up with excuses to get high. You're not going to benefit. It won't be controlled. The difference from alcohol is that it stinks and gets other people's clothes and hair who are not users. It's not that much illness in the world to legalize this.

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eddie47d says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:40 am



Too much alcohol creates illnesses and deaths so your point is off base. Moderate amounts can be beneficial and the same with marijuana.

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:46 am



ARE YOU FOR LIBERTY OR NOT??? Jeeeeeeeeez, no one will answer!

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:57 pm



I'm for the Christian aspect of freedom that we were founded on and not this moronic do anything you want nonsense. Is that a good enough answer for you? FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

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karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:17 pm



I would suggest you do a little research on the subject.

[Reply](#)

Tastelikecandy says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:24 pm



My harmless flowery scented marijuana smells a hundred times better than cigarette smoke that kills millions of people not just from smoking but second hand as well. Don't see you complaining about having to smell that while walking anywhere. Plus marijuana smoke dissipates way faster than other smoke. I have had my mom ask me multiple times if I had been smoking cigarettes when I hadn't, but she has yet to notice the smell of marijuana that often coats my clothing

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45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:48 pm



So you are still living with Mommy. And you expect us to pay attention to what you believe about MJ?

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:51 pm



Crystal:

The real problem is that – like opium – there are some medical benefits. But like opium they don't have to be due to smoking it. It can be extracted and given like they do morphine. The problem is that too many people want to use this as an excuse to legalize it rather than making medicine –

and it is against the law at present to make medicine from it from that very reason.

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samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:55 pm



Users are losers and losers are users, so don't do drugs, don't do drugs!

McGruff the Crime Dog

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

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ONTIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 9:14 am



The residual of alcohol will be gone from your body in 24 hours, pot takes about 6 months, the idea that you suffer no ill effects from pot are simply untrue, everything a human ingest, breathes or drinks has a effect and in cases of abuse a long term effect. If pot is allowed on the market it needs good solid regulation and a ongoing study to monitor the overall effects..I am not in favor of introducing another narcotic for the public to legally consume, we have societal problems now we do not control or handle well. Why risk more harm?

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TIME says:

June 27, 2011 at 10:57 am



OT,

Do you know why THC lingers in your body for up to 72 hours?

I would venture to bet not, so try on this for a learning curb.

You manufacture Canabinoids within your own body. So that means that everyone will test positive if they have had an injury such as cut, broken bone or even a sun burn!

As to THC being retained in fat cells that's 100% total BS. Fat cells do not retain anything but FAT. As well THC will not be retained in your muscle tissue as it's not a protein.

THC is a simple chemical compound it will have no effect once it's been processed through the system. Thus there is no effect from prolonged use, nor are there any residual effects.

Just as all chemical compounds have an effective period over a limited period of time. In fact THC is generally expelled by either waste format within a few days, 72 hours on the long end or however fast your system works.

I hope I have given you a better understanding of a Natural Herb and its effects. Think of Pot as being more like Basil.

By the way, Nutmeg has the same basic same components within its chemical break down as that of LSD, yet you eat Nutmeg in most foods.

JFRT; Alcohol "dehydrates" one's system, thus it leaves the body in urine and solid waste materials within a few hours.

But unlike Pot, Alcohol has residual effects of what two are the break down of tissue within both the Liver and Kidney. This damage is in most cases non-reversible damage as it's an (UN natural) chemical product not made by the human system.

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Bob Marshall says:

June 27, 2011 at 11:00 am



Think of many many inmates would not be in jail today if this were passed. taxpayer spend million on keeping inmate sin prison for possession of a sometimes small amount of marijuana. The State government could sell, reglate and recieve tax revenues from this sales. Look at alcohol. How many die anually on our hiway? How many from marijuana use? it is already being used for medical purposes. The government can't stop it and as a result many people are dying. Make the law so it is on a trail basis. Like six months. Marijuana is not like cocaine.

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45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:45 pm



The state – and particularly the people – don't care if the person has some small amount. What we do care about is the crimes committed to GET that small amount. And sooner or later the addict will commit those crimes to get it – and will likely lead far more innocent people into crime themselves in the process of it. So if we can convince someone at the early stage to stop using the drugs then we MIGHT stop a lot of crime later.

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:17 pm



And hows that working out for you? Has the War on Drugs stopped the criminals? Do we EVER learn from History??

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45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:47 pm



Albino:

It is working a lot better than it was when it was legal. Further, if we were allowed to actually punish the prisoners as needed for whatever crimes they committed, it would help a lot more. It does help some since some of the ex-prisoners don't go back on it. It certainly helps more than some of you insisting that it won't harm a thing and everyone should use it.

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Karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:02 pm



45 – Here is one of many articles at the Cato Institute regarding the failurs of the War on Drugs and how it has contributed to crime in the US (and the world):

<http://www.cato.org/pubs/catosletter/catosletterv9n1.pdf>

iamone3 says:

June 27, 2011 at 6:52 pm



It is not for everyone (one size does not fit all) and I have seen no one saying that (you just made that up, didn't you? 😊).

45caliber says:

June 28, 2011 at 2:07 pm



I don't make up things like this. The truth is strange enough.

chuckb says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:01 pm



this is so funny all these people wanting to legalize pot, and at the same time wanting to ban cigarettes. thc in pot is more deadly than nicotine. look at some of the more backward nations of the world and the populations thrive on mind altering drugs, even holland does not have legalized drugs, the state controls the sale.

i think we should open up a huge park or at their home and let the pot heads have at it and at their expense anyone on the street with drugs, arrest them.

when we had no laws against drugs in this country the addiction rate was three times higher.

the next time you see anyone collecting names for a petition to legalize marijuana, step back and watch the caliber of people signing up, this should tell you something and if it's not addictive why do so many argue it's potential. they like it, they can't leave it alone and if it is legalized, they think they can buy it cheaper.

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:11 pm



"thc in pot is more deadly than nicotine" Care to name a source for that little statement?

Thats a good little sheep..... You keep believing and spreading that government propaganda BS..... Oh wait i thought your on here to stop the governments erosion of PERSONAL LIBERTY? Can I smell a Hypocrite?

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm



If it is illegal, immoral, or unethical, we have no right to do such things. Drugs were made illegal for a reason and they should stay that way, period! NO EXCEPTIONS! FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

[Reply](#)

steve in AZ says:

June 28, 2011 at 10:51 am



I love your spirit, Samurai, but think about your "if it is illegal, immoral" statement a bit.

What isn't illegal in our country today, due to the corruption of our leaders? You need to understand the difference between government and country. Then you can put your great spirit to good use.

Immoral? You say potatao and I say potahto. 300 million Americans can barely agree that the most heinous crimes, murder, rape, assault are immoral, if we were lucky. Most don't know the difference between morality and shinola.

By what you say, Obama need only outlaw Christianity and make Islamicism the only legal religion in America and we will all be happy muslims? Coming soon to a neighborhood near you...

The time for simplistic solutions administered as soundbites is waaaaay over.

[Reply](#)

karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:15 pm



chuck said : "when we had no laws against drugs in this country the addiction rate was three times higher."

Care to list your sources for this info? I tend not to believe it.

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:43 pm



Exactly.

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SimplyNatural says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:04 pm



It's good to see such a swelling of libertarian sentiment, here on this forum. There is no liberty more basic than the right to do with your own (adult) body as you please, at least in the privacy of your home. No damn government has the right to say otherwise. And the benefits of ending the war on drugs would be immense...probably half the amount we spend on the criminal justice system could be saved...and also the billions going to foreign terrorists who finance their activities with the drug trade...and also help law & order in our neighbor, Mexico. As for the drug addicts who might overdose earlier and drop dead..good riddance to them and all the mayhem they cause.

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45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:42 pm



As far as I'm concern you can use what you want – as long as you give prior permission to shoot you on sight once you commit a crime involving drugs (such as robbing someone for more money for them). And when – not if – you are caught we are allowed to do just that.

[Reply](#)

DC/Tex says:

June 27, 2011 at 12:14 pm



I am for the legalization of marijuana and like most of Ron Paul's ideas and considering voting for him until he buddies up with the queer, greedy, unchristian, evil barny franks who broke the housing market and crippled the economy.

[Reply](#)

jopa says:

June 27, 2011 at 1:03 pm



chuckb; Pot is legal in Holland.I have been there a couple of times and there is no problem selling weed openly.There are some guidelines however and the one that stands out to me the most is they sometimes mix weed and regular tobacco in some joints.When they do, they must inform the customer due to the addictive qualities of regular tobacco and not the weed.If you ever have a chance to go to Amsterdam don't pass it up.One of the most beautiful cities in Europe and the nicest people.

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 2:09 pm



Thats not true..... Amsterdam has tolerated pot, but it has never been legalized and as we post the new government is in the progress of putting a stop to the ALL pot in Amsterdam. A bill was passed over there to ban all sales of pot to none citizens! Then next year, ALL coffees shops will have to stop selling pot! Buy Buy 50% of Amsterdam's tourism! Sad very Sad, but as usual the stupid abuse a good thing spoil it for the rest of us!

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:39 pm



jopa:

I keep hearing that MJ is "not habit forming". Yet I have seen many people in the military and in civilian life that are hooked. I somehow that that story is simply that – a story to help alibi those using it. "I'm not really hooked; I can quit any time I want to. But I really like to smoke it and so I'm going to."

They are hooked. Or should I say – YOU are hooked?

There is some sheriff who was being interviewed about having the lowest drug problem in the nation. The one comment I remember most is him saying that there are NO people who can take or leave it – all of them are hooked. And if he makes it hard enough on the "occasional" users, he can usually get them from becoming the permanent users who end up losing everything.

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Karolyn says:

June 27, 2011 at 5:54 pm



45 – There's psychological dependence and physical addiction, two different things. I know people who have smoked pot most of their lives, and they've never been in jail, lead normal lives and have jobs.

[Reply](#)

chuckb says:

June 27, 2011 at 1:18 pm



karolyn, the information came from the schaffer library of drug policy, "addiction rates and drug legalization"

History also supports the fact that legalization would increase addiction rates. When opium was legal in the United States at the turn of the century, we had proportionately between two and three times the number of addicts than we do presently.²³ Furthermore, Dr. Richard Schwartz, Professor of Pediatrics at Georgetown University School of Medicine, notes that Alaska and Oregon, the states that traditionally have had the most lenient drug laws, also have the highest marijuana addiction rates in the United States double the national average.²⁴

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Albino. says:

June 27, 2011 at 2:02 pm



Please care to post your sources???

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samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:02 pm



I think he just stated people's names, professions, places, and other sources. Get off of the dope heads bandwagon. It really hurts your credibility. FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:31 pm



chuckb:

The reason the drugs were declared illegal in the first place was because too many people were on them and ruining families and increasing crime rates by a lot. The way they broke the problem was sending all caught to jail and actually punishing them – hard. No one who got out wanted to go

back again and were careful to make sure they didn't do anything that might send them back. Today? It's almost a vacation place. Most of the prisoners like it there because everything is regulated and they don't have to think or do anything hard to get everything handed to them.

As one told a guard, "I get a free place to sleep, three good meals a day, a ho' in the next bed, and YOU to wait on me! Why should I want out?"

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Tastelikecandy says:

June 27, 2011 at 3:40 pm



good thing marijuana isn't addictive, so the would need to get rid of whatever made up statistic produces the marijuana addictive rate. I have personally had to quite smoking marijuana 7 times for periods ranging from 1 month to 1 year, and not once did I find it hard to do or have any withdraw symptoms, the only times i ever wanted to smoke during these periods were when I suffered from my cronic migranes(that tend to disappear with the help of THC). But instead of instant relief I suffered thru them for longer than needed because marijuana is unconstitutionally illegal and frowned upon when getting a high paying security clearance type job.

[Reply](#)

45caliber says:

June 27, 2011 at 4:45 pm



It isn't addictive – but you quit 7 times and went back to it again each time. People quitting cigarettes – which are considered addictive – generally have less problems than that with quitting. You certainly sound addicted to me.

[Reply](#)

samurai says:

June 27, 2011 at 7:03 pm



Me too! FOR GOD AND COUNTRY!

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Tastejustlikecandy says:

June 28, 2011 at 2:00 pm



If I had to ultimately give up smoking marijuana for